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Attention: Matthew Moore

RE: 2008 STIP Amendment # 4 - Updated

Dear Ms. Lowe:

Your July 9, 2008 letter requested FHWA approval of STIP Amendment #4 providing for the removal of four projects, the addition of two projects and the change in program year of two projects for the FY 2008-2011 program.

Because the affected projects are not intermodal in nature and do not affect the State's conformity process, FHWA has sole approval authority for these requested changes.

With respect to the requested addition of the Government Way project in Coeur d'Alene (Dalton to Hanley) to the 2011 program year, this action was excluded from FHWA's July 17, 2008 approval because the KMPO Board had not yet executed a TIP amendment reflecting the proposed change. The KMPO Board has since approved the necessary TIP amendment on August 8, 2008. Therefore, the addition of the Government Way project is now included in STIP Amendment #4.

For the projects included in ITD's July 9, 2008 request, I find that:

1. All projects qualify for grouped listing per 23 CFR 450.216(j) and, on this basis, will not require additional public involvement.
2. All of the proposed changes are outside of the State's air quality nonattainment and maintenance areas; therefore, Federal quality conformity regulations will not apply (ref. 40 CFR Section 93.126).
3. The proposed amendment is based on a planning process that substantially meets the requirements of Title 23, U.S.C., the Federal Transit Act and 23 CFR 450.

In consideration of ITD's request and the above findings, amendment #4 is approved as requested.

If you have any questions, you may contact me via email (scott.frey@fhwa.dot.gov) or at 208-334-9180 extension 115.

Sincerely,

(original signed by)

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